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Harriger is an expert on political participation and voting among college-age people. She is also an expert on federal special prosecutors.

Biography

Research on young people and civic engagement demonstrates that they are very turned off by the extreme partisan polarization that characterizes American politics, says Harriger. Will young voters turn out in 2016? She studies political participation and voting among young people and is the co-author of a new multi-year study showing that college students who participate in public deliberation and learn to talk with those with differing viewpoints, are more politically involved later. She can also comment on women in politics and whether or not a woman can be elected president. She has also researched the changing composition of the Supreme Court. Harriger is the co-author of *Speaking of Politics: Preparing College Students for Democratic Citizenship through Deliberative Dialogue* and three other books. Inspired by the Watergate hearings of her college years, Harriger has also studied the use of federal special prosecutors in American government and is the author of *The Special Prosecutor in American Politics*. Will young voters turn out in 2016? Can a woman be elected president?

Areas of Expertise

American Constitutional Law, The Separation of Powers, Government Ethics, Independent Counsel & Special Prosecutors, The Supreme Court , Women and Politics

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